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SHANGHAI MUNICIPALITY  
C. & S. B. REGISTRY  
S. B. D. 2294  
24. 11. 31.

November 24, 31.

My dear Hughes,

With reference to your letter of November 19 to Gerrard on the subject of labour statistics contained in the Police reports circulated to members of the Council, every effort will be made in future to make figures as explicit as possible.

The following explanation of the points raised by you in respect of the report of November 18 will I trust clarify matters:-

Bahr & Matheson: The 74 employees of the concern absented themselves from work without offering any reason whatsoever and in the event of their remaining out will within the next few days be replaced by new hands. Whether these workers struck to rectify a grievance or threw up their employment for good has not been made clear, and the Special Branch has accordingly refrained from classing the case under the category of "strike".

Yeh Hwa Nectie Factory. This concern is located at 345 Yeh Sz Loong off Ferry Road, outside the limits of the Settlement.

Leh Tung Primary Press, 2 North Fukien Road. Here there are 160 employees on strike.

Actually there were only two strikes recorded on this date (November 18), i.e.

Dah Tung Printing Press (located in the Settlement)	160
Tah Hwa Necktie Factory (located in the Settlement)	<u>200</u>
	<u>360</u>

Gerrard is not due back until December 22.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) W. J. Martin.



## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.E.S. S.E. Station,

## REPORT

Date Nov. 23, 1931

Subject (in full)

Labour Statistics

Made by

and

Forwarded by Supt. Robertson

The following is an explanation of the points raised in attached letter from Mr. Hughes :-

Behr & Matthews : The 74 employees of the concern absented themselves from work without offering any reason whatsoever and in the event of their remaining out will within the next few days be replaced by new hands. Whether these workers struck to rectify a grievance or threw up their employment for good has not been made clear and the Special Branch has accordingly refrained from classing the case under the category of "strike".

Tah Hwa Necktie Factory : This concern is located at 363 Yah Sz Loong off Ferry Road, outside the limits of the Settlement.

Dah Tung Printing Press, 2 North Fokien Road : Here there are 160 employees on strike.

Actually there were only two strikes recorded  
(Nov. 18)  
on this date, i.e.:

Dah Tung Printing Press

(Located in Settlement)

160

Tah Hwa Necktie Factory

(Located outside Settlement)

200

360

John Robertson

Superintendent.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

28/11/31  
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24/11/31

Major F. W. Gerrard, C.I.E.,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
Shanghai.

Personal

My dear Major:

I have been trying to find an opportunity to drop in and welcome you back to Shanghai. I trust that you had a very enjoyable holiday and that you have returned physically fit to meet the strenuous conditions which we have now to face.

There is a matter of trifling importance that I would like to bring to your attention in connection with the Police reports circulated to members of the Council. I have noticed in almost every report a discrepancy between the aggregate number of employees on strike, as detailed in the reports, and the number given as on strike in the Settlement in the summary of strike statistics.

For example, in the report received this morning, there are 74 employees of Behr & Mathews who are on strike; 160 employees of the Dah Tung Printing Press; and 200 of the Tah Hwa Necktie Factory; making a total of 434, whilst the summary gives a total of only 160.

Although of no material importance, these discrepancies have been a matter of comment at a recent Council meeting. There probably is some simple explanation and it might be worth your while to refer to it.

Yours sincerely,

*A. J. Hughes*

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AJH:MW

SI,  
For comment  
please. The  
explanation should  
also be given in  
the D. S. Summary  
letter to the Chairman & Secy General which  
will follow for your private information. (S)

P.S. I mention this ~~matter~~ of no  
spirit of carrying criticism. I am  
very proud of our Police Dept. and its  
reports as circulated to Council members  
reflect efficiency of administration  
beyond praise. Have you read the  
many sets of the Council Reporters  
recently published. If so you may  
be interested in the enclosed copy of a  
letter to the Chairman & Secy General which



November

10,

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My dear Field,

I am very thankful for your note of November 9 explaining certain discrepancies in the Daily Intelligence Report on the subject of the number of refugees in Shanghai. I am now going into the matter and a paragraph explaining the correct position will appear in the Daily Intelligence Summary in due course.

I am sending you herewith some specimens of illustrated handbills which have been circulated in connection with the anti-Japanese propaganda campaign.

Yours sincerely,



Captain L.F. Field,  
10 Hongkong Road.

X Enclosure  
Specimens of handbills.  
10/11/31 N.P.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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C. & S. D. REGISTRY

S. B. D. 2884

S. I. Station

cte 11.11.31

Date November 16, 1931.

REPORT

Subject (in full) Refugees.

Made by and Forwarded by C. D. I. Robertson

With reference to the letter of November 2, 1931 from Captain Field regarding statistics of refugees as contained in the Special Branch Intelligence Summary I have to state that the number of refugees arriving at Shanghai is given as the total of persons observed to land and not necessarily residing in this area.

The number given of persons repatriated is treated separately and is not deducted from the number of arrivals for the following reasons.

Refugees on arrival, with the exception of a comparatively small number accommodated at the Liu Ying Road Camp, distribute themselves throughout Chinese controlled territory and surrounding country districts and it is possible that many hundreds of them have returned to their homes without passing through the Settlement. It would not therefore be a fair calculation to deduct the number repatriated from the number of arrivals. Moreover, under present arrangements the Liu Ying Road Camp will close at the end of the current month which does not mean that the influx nor the departure of refugees will cease.

*Henry Robertson*

C. D. I.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

*Field*

9, Hongkong Road,

9/11/31.

Dear Givens,

May I draw your attention to what looks like an error in the daily summary of information?

The report of Nov. 7th gives the total number of refugees in Shanghai as 65,133.

The report of Nov. 9th states that, on the 7th and 8th, 400 refugees were repatriated, while on the same dates 333 arrived.

This leaves a balance in favour of repatriation of 67, and the total number of refugees on November 8th should therefore be 65066.

Instead of this, the total is given in to-day's report as 65,466, which figure looks as if it was arrived at by adding the arrivals of the 7th and 8th to the total for the 6th, without taking account of the departures.

May I suggest that, if this practice has been going on ever since repatriation began, the total number of refugees in Shanghai should now read 62,686, which is arrived at by taking the total in to-day's report and deducting from it the total number of people repatriated?

*Yours,  
L. Field*

T.P. Givens, Esq.:

A/C.P. (Special Branch), Shanghai Municipal Police.